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DISEASE IN COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any special Project for coconut growers for removal of diseased coconut trees and planting of new coconut trees by providing subsidy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals have been received in this regard from the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Government has not launched any new project for coconut growers for removal of diseased coconut trees and planting of new coconut trees but since the X Plan period the Coconut Development Board is implementing a scheme namely "Integrated Farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement" which includes "Management of Disease affected Palms". This scheme is continuing in the XI Plan also.

(c) & (d): No proposal has been received from the states but Kerala Government was provided with Rs.40.00 cr in 2005-06 by the Planning Commission for "Management of Root (wilt) affected coconut holdings and enhancement of productivity of coconut in Kerala".